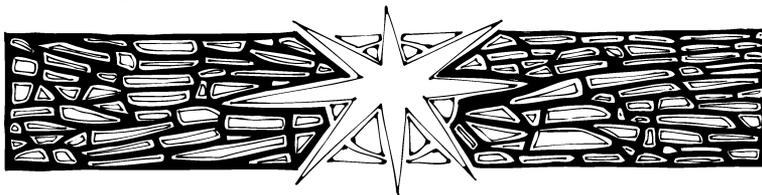


# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



## January 3, 2021 THE GATHERING

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** *“Of The Father’s Begotten Love”* LSB 384

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG: “As with Gladness Men of Old”** (LSB 397)

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we, evermore be led by thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before, Thee whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day, keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

### **INVOCATION AND CONFESSION:**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

*(silence for personal self examination)*

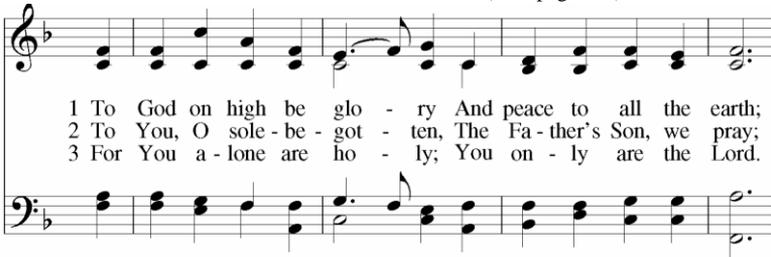
**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. By what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

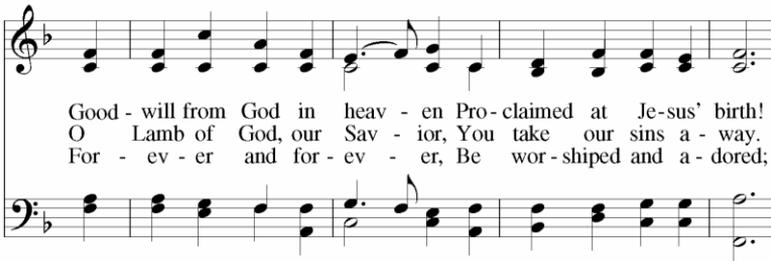
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as our selves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the Glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**THE ABSOLUTION** (spoken by Pastor)

**HYMN OF PRAISE: “Gloria in Excelsis”** (LSB page 204)



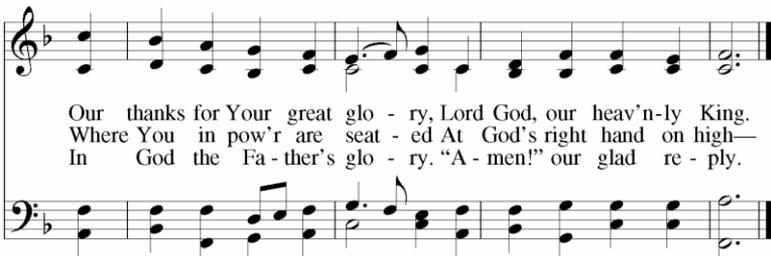
1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Let us pray together... **O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

## THE WORD

### CHILDRENS VIDEO

*Dismissal to Sunday School 11:00 am*

**Scott Smith solo “Prince of Peace”** 11am

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

### SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets.

This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

**EPIPHANY ALLELUIA VERSE:** (tune: "As With Gladness Men of Old" (LW 75))

Alleluia! Glory be To the Lord eternally!  
 Alleluia! God's dear Son Is revealed, the Chosen One.  
 Here God's pleasure deigns to dwell: Jesus, our Immanuel.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the second chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord** (spoken)

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12 video**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.      C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## THE SERMON

### THE HYMN: “Brightest and Best” (LSB 400)

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,  
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

P: Into your hands.....Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: AMEN**  
(please be seated)

**Musical Interlude** (*as Pastor prepares the table*)

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;**

**Come, peasant, king to own him.**

**The king of kings salvation brings;**

**Let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**Raise, raise the song on high**

**The Virgin sings her lullaby**

**Joy, joy, for Christ is born,**

**The babe, the Son of Mary.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE PEACE:**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

**THE DISTRIBUTION -VIDEO SONG OR SCOTT SMITH SOLO 11 AM**

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**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**C: AMEN**

**A BLESSING****SENDING SONG: Angels from the Realms of Glory (LSB 367)**

Angels from the realms of glory,

Wing your flight o'er all the earth:

Ye who sang creation's story,

Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

**Refrain:**

Come and worship, come and worship;

Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
 Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
 God with us is now residing,  
 Yonder shines His Infant Light. **[Refrain]**

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
 Brighter visions beam afar;  
 Seek the great Desire of nations,  
 Ye have seen His natal star. **[Refrain]**

### POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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We welcome you to our service today. Please be sure to sign our attendance sheet located at the entrance doors or you may check in via the church app or by texting 740-370-1220.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Kristy Milligan (1/3), Paul Pilat (1/4), Diane O'Neal (1/6), Piper Lesinski (1/9), Jeremiah Michaelis (1/9) and Lisa Oldfield (1/9)

### Today at BSLC

**Today's Worship Helpers.** *Sign up sheet available on counter in hall*

|                      |           |               |
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|                      | 8:30 am   | 11:00 am      |
| Communion Assistants | Mike Rice | Dave Anderson |

*Worship helpers are needed for all services  
 sign up sheet is available online or on the counter at check in*

### Upcoming Events

#### Food Trucks

**1/7 All Occasions on the Go 11-2p**

**1/18 Roosters 11-2 p**

**1/21 Tacomania 11-2p**

**Blood Drive: [redcrossblood.org/bslc](http://redcrossblood.org/bslc) 1/9 8am-1p**

**Voter's meeting Jan 31 details coming soon**